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Applicant OXONICA LIMITED		

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3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

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- ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
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- ☐ as suggested by the applicant.
- ☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
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- ☒ None of the figures.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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